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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed Ocober 27, 2003, please enter an election of the claims of Groups 1, that is, claims 1-8, as amended in this Response. This election is made with traverse.

Amendments to the Claims starts on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks starts on page 4 of this paper.